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SUBJECT: SUGAR: GOP-GREAT WESTERN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SINCE MEETING REPORTED REFTEL BETWEEN PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK(PNB) PRESIDENT DOMINGO AND GREAT WESTERN REPS, GREAT WESTERN HAS BEEN RECEIVING INDICATIONS FROM PNB HEIRARCHY THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO RENEGOTIATE THEIR PARTICIPATING CONTRACT WITH GOP ARE IN TROUBLE.

2. GREAT WESTERN HAS, THEREFORE, DECIDED TO USE THE GOOD OFFICES OF LOCAL ATTORNEY BERT SABIDO (A CRONY OF PRESIDENT MARCOS) TO APPROACH PRESIDENT MARCOS DIRECTLY WITH THEIR LATEST CONTRACT PROPOSAL. GREAT WESTERN HAS PRESENTED SABIDO AND, THROUGH SABIDO, PRESIDENT MARCOS A COPY OF THEIR PROPOSAL PRINTED ON GOLD EDGED PAPER AND BOUND (WE ARE TOLD) IN RED LEATHER. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, THE BOTH SABIDO'S COPY AND PRESIDENT MARCOS' COPY HAVE THEIR NAMES EMBOSSED IN THE FRONT IN GOLD. THE RESULT OF THIS NEW AND IMAGINATIVE ATTEMPT ON GREAT WESTERN'S PART TO OBTAIN A DECISION FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS ON THEIR CONTRACT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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